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Arrest Made in a Traffic Fatality: 4700 Block of South Capitol Street, Southwest

(Washington, DC) – Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department’s Major Crash Unit have announced an arrest has been made in a fatal traffic crash that occurred in the 4700 block of South Capitol Street, Southwest, on Friday, October 19, 2018.

At approximately 2:58 am, a Mercury Grand Marquis was traveling northbound on South Capitol Street, Southwest, at a high rate of speed and struck the rear of a Volkswagen Passat that was stopped at a red light at South Capitol Street and 1st Street, Southwest. The Grand Marquis continued on, slid sideways and struck the rear of a Toyota Corolla that was stopped at a red light at South Capitol Street and Galveston Street, Southwest. The Grand Marquis continued to slide until it mounted the curb and struck a metal traffic control pole where it subsequently caught on fire as a result of the collision.

DC Fire and EMS arrived on the scene and determined the passenger of the Grand Marquis showed no signs consistent with life. He was pronounced dead on the scene. The operator of the Grand Marquis was transported to an area hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

The decedent has been identified as **32-year-old Kevin Thomas**, of Temple Hills, Maryland.

On Friday, October 19, 2018, **42-year-old Rodney Bell**, of Dale City, Virginia, was arrested and charged with Murder Two and Possession of PCP.

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